

Joint Forest Management Committees

313. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) constituted to undertake afforestation activity at the village level in the country;
- (b) the financial assistance provided to them to execute their work effectively during the current financial year, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government propose to increase the number of JFMCs in the State of Himachal Pradesh to develop the State's forest density; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme through decentralized set up of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level, and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level, for regeneration and improvement of forests and adjoining lands. 715 FDA projects have been approved so far with a total target to treat 9.24 lakh hectares area through 23,750 JFMCs.

(b) The financial assistance provided under National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme during the current financial year upto 31.10.2006, State-wise is in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) As per information available with the Ministry, there are 1749 JFMCs in Himachal Pradesh out of which 998 JFMCs are covered under NAP Scheme. With an objective to extend Joint Forest Management (JFM) to all forest fringe villages in all States, including Himachal Pradesh State, this Ministry has introduced a new component "Strengthening of JFM" in the NAP Scheme during 2004-05.

*Statement***State-wise Funds Released Under National Afforestation Programme
During Current Financial Year (2006-07)**

As on 31.10.2006

Sl.No.	State	Amount Released (Rs. in crores)
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.76
2	Chhattisgarh	3.15
3	Gujarat	3.86
4	Haryana	6.04
5	Himachal Pradesh	5.81
6	Jammu & Kashmir	2.07
7	Karnataka	3.62
8	Madhya Pradesh	4.08
9	Maharashtra	7.97
10	Orissa	3.84
11	Punjab	0.00
12	Rajasthan	2.47
13	Tamil Nadu	6.09
14	Uttar Pradesh	2.04
15	Uttaranchal	3.51
16	Goa	0.00
17	Jharkhand	8.57
18	Bihar	2.93
19	Kerala	4.14
20	West Bengal	4.02
Total (Other States)		77.96
21	Arunachal Pradesh	1.41
22	Assam	7.04
23	Manipur	5.11
24	Nagaland	2.05
25	Sikkim	4.61
26	Tripura	2.63
27	Mizoram	5.81
28	Meghalaya	2.84
TOTAL (NE States)		31.49
G. Total		109.46